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bottom end of said frame, a first plurality of straps fixed to said top end portion of said head piece and to said top end of said frame, a second plurality of straps adjustably fixed to said bottom end portion of said head piece and fixed to said bottom end of said frame so that shortening said second plurality of straps pulls said head piece and causes said face seal to seal against [the face of a user] a user's face, said second plurality of straps comprises a second pair of straps, said second pair of straps comprises a pair of buckles fixed to said bottom end portion of said head piece[,] and a pair of longitudinal strap portions having first ends and second ends respectively, [a pair of strap portions] said first ends fixed to said bottom end of said frame [and] said second ends adjustably received by said buckles, [and the ends of said pair of strap portions remote from said bottom end of said frame] said second ends being disposed adjacent [the base of the skull of said user] a base of a user's skull and extending generally forward and downwardly with respect to [the head of said user when said strap portions are received respectively by said buckles.] a user's head, said second ends having free end portions, and said free end portions being rotated 180 degrees and being disposed intermediate said buckles and said frame.

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2 (Amended). In a face mask as claimed in claim 1, the further improvement wherein said head piece is non-stretchable and dimensionally unstable for conforming to [the head of a user] a user's head.

C3 7~~8~~ (Amended). In a face mask as claimed in claim 1, wherein said face seal includes a forehead portion for contacting [the forehead of the wearer] a wearer's forehead, the improvement wherein said face seal is of a single thickness at said forehead portion.

C4 9~~13~~ (Twice Amended). In a face mask for use with a self contained breathing apparatus, said face mask comprising a frame having a top and a bottom, a transparent face plate within said frame, a face seal fixed to said frame and surrounding said face plate, a nose cup within said face seal and towards said bottom of said frame, and strap means for holding said face mask to [the face of a user] a user's face, the improvement comprising a pair of eyeglasses within said face mask and supported adjacent to said nose piece, said eyeglasses comprising a pair of frames including a pair of lenses in said frames, a bridge fixed to said frames for holding said frames with respect to each other, an upwardly angled [bent] mounting member carried by said nose cup, support arms fixed to said bridge, [and adjustably fixed to said mounting member,] at least one rib on said nose cup, said rib defining a longitudinal hole therein, said mounting member including at least one [arm] leg slidably receivable within said longitudinal hole for providing horizontal adjustment to said eyeglasses, a block carried by said support arms, [and said block defining holes therethrough for slidably receiving said mounting member] and said mounting member slidably receivable in said block for providing vertical adjustment

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to said eyeglasses.

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1016 (Amended). In a face mask as claimed in claim 13, the improvement wherein said strap means comprises a head piece having a top end adjacent to said top end of said frame and a bottom end adjacent to said bottom end of said frame, a first plurality of straps fixed to said top end of said head piece and to said top end of said frame, and a second plurality of straps adjustably fixed to said bottom end of said head piece and fixed to said bottom end of said frame, so that shortening said second plurality of straps pulls said head piece and causes said face seal to seal against [the face of a user] a user's face.

1117 (Amended). In a face mask as claimed in claim 10, the further improvement wherein said head piece is non-stretchable and dimensionally unstable for conforming to [the head of a user] a user's head.

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1420 (Amended). In a face mask for use with a self contained breathing apparatus, said face mask comprising a frame having a top and a bottom, a transparent face plate within said frame, a face seal fixed to said frame and surrounding said face plate, a nose cup within said face seal and towards said bottom of said frame, and strap means for holding said face mask to [the face of a user] a user's face of the face mask, the improvement comprising said nose cup having a top end for engaging [the bridge of the nose of said user] a bridge of a user's nose and a bottom end for receiving [the chin of said user] a user's chin, [and] a

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(cont.) portion of said bottom end being cutaway, said cutaway portion comprising a pair of edges, and said edges being detachably joined together along substantially the length of said edges.

R E M A R K S

By this amendment, claim 22 is cancelled and claims 1, 2, 8, 13, 16, 17 and 20 are amended in response to the examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 103. Reconsideration of applicants' invention as defined in claims 1-3, 5-9, 13 and 16-21 is requested.

The examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tenna in view of Harrison et al. Amended claim 1 includes specific structure which allows the user to pull strap ends 30 and 31 forwardly in a quick and easy motion to effect the desired seal. With this motion, face mask 10 is pulled snugly against a user's face without having to tighten the normal six straps.

The examiner rejected independent claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tenna in view of Harrison et al. and further in view of Backlund. Referring to FIG. 1 of Backlund, it is apparent that adjustment to eyeglasses 3 is in only one direction approximately 45 degrees with respect to a vertical line. Clearly this does not provide precise adjustment in relation to the eyes of a user. By means of applicants' mounting member 51 being slidable in ribs 49 and 50 and slidable in block 48, adjustment to the eyeglasses is provided in both the horizontal and